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Response Under 37 CFR § 1.116
Expedited Procedure - Group 2861

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
HIDEO SUGIMURA et al.)
Application No.: 10/081,843)
Filed: February 25, 2002)
For: INK JET RECORDING)
APPARATUS AND)
RECOVERING METHOD)
THEREOF)
Examiner: S. Hsieh
Group Art Unit: 2861
Monday, April 5, 2004

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 4, 2003, the term for responding to which having been extended to Monday, April 5, 2004 by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

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Date of Signature